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PASSING OF RADM JAMES ENOCH, DC, USN, RETIRED

13 March 1927 – 14 September 2014

Rear Admiral James Duncan Enoch, 87, died in Viera, Florida on September 14, 2014. He was born March 13, 1927 to Helen Martin Enoch and James L. Enoch, both deceased. He had one brother, Jack Enoch, Sr., also deceased.

In 1945 Dr. Enoch entered the Navy as an Apprentice Seaman, leaving the service in 1946 to attend college. Dr. Enoch graduated from Vanderbilt University with a B.A. in Business Administration. He received his D.D.S. from the University of Tennessee. He also completed the course in General Postgraduate Dentistry in Operative Dentistry at the Naval Dental School, Bethesda, MD. He returned to the Navy in 1957.



Dr. Enoch had tours of duty at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, SC; Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, NC; aboard the USS Essex, and as a member of the staff of the Naval Dental School, Bethesda, MD. He served additional duty to the White House as the dentist to the President of the United States. He also served as senior dental officer at the U.S. Naval Station, San Juan, Puerto Rico prior to reporting to the Naval Administrative Command, Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, IL. In 1974, Dr. Enoch became Commanding Officer, Naval Regional Dental Center, Great Lakes, IL, with additional duties as Director of Dental Activities, and Dental Reserve Program Officer, Ninth Naval District. He served as Head of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, Planning and Logistics Branch, Dental Division. Following that tour, Dr. Enoch was the Inspector General, Dental Division, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, Washington, D.C. He then assumed the duties of Assistant Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery/Chief, Dental Division/Chief, Naval Dental Corps.

Dr. Enoch was a Fellow of the American College of Dentists, a Fellow of the International College of Dentists, a member of the Academy of Operative Dentistry, the Academy of Gold Foil Operators, the American Dental Association, the American Association of Dental Schools, and the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States.

Rear Admiral Enoch wore the following: the Legion of Merit, Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Expeditionary Medal, World War II Victory Medal, American Theater Medal, and the National Defense Service Medal.

One of the achievements of which Dr. Enoch was most proud was that his Navy career encompassed ranks from Apprentice Seaman to Rear Admiral, a rare feat.

Dr. Enoch was preceded in death by his first wife Frances Wilson Enoch. He is survived by his wife Mildred Stingley Enoch, son Mark Wilson Enoch, step-daughter Sherryl Hawkins Spurrell (Arthur), step-son Stephen Dale Hawkins, and nephews Jack Enoch, Jr. (Nita), Stephen Enoch, and Scott Enoch (Elisa). Services will be held on Thursday, 18 September, at 1100 at the Florida Memorial Gardens, U.S. Highway 1, Rockledge, Florida 32955.

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